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TAGS: PFOR, AO, CG

SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - BORDER ATTACK ON
ZAIRE APRIL 8

1. PARAS 2-3 CONTAIN PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR APRIL 8
BRIEFING FOR USE ONLY IF ASKED:

2. Q: DID PRESIDENT SADAT TELL YOU DURING HIS DISCUSSIONS
HERE THAT MOROCCO AND POSSIBLY EGYPT WOULD BE SENDING
FORCES TO ZAIRE?

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A: DURING HIS VISIT HERE, PRESIDENT SADAT DISCUSSED IN
GENERAL TERMS HIS DESIRE TO HELP HIS FRIENDS IN AFRICA. IN
THAT CONTEXT, ZAIRE CAME UP. --HE DID NOT DISCUSS HOW THAT
HELP WOULD BE GIVEN BY EGYPT SO, THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF
SENDING EGYPTIAN FORCES, AND INDEED, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE
ANY HAVE BEEN SENT, OR THAT IS IN PROSPECT. --PRESIDENT
SADAT ALSO CONVEYED THE CONCERN OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN

AFRICA, INCLUDING THE MOROCCAN, ABOUT THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE, AND SAID THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH THEM. THIS WAS ALSO A GENERAL CONCERN WHICH WAS CONVEYED--THERE WERE NO VERBATIM TEXTUAL MESSAGES TRANSMITTED, AS SUGGESTED IN PRESS REPORTS. --PRESIDENT SADAT DID NOT TELL US IN THOSE EXPRESSIONS OF OTHER CONCERN THAT THOSE OTHER GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE SENDING FORCES TO ZAIRE.

3. QUESTION: IS THE C.I.A. RECRUITING MERCENARIES FOR USE IN ZAIRE AGAINST THE FORCE INVADING SHABA PROVINCE?

ANSWER: THE UNITED STATES HAS STATED REPEATEDLY THAT THE RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES IN THE U.S. IS ILLEGAL, AND THE C.I.A. IS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES.
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